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 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
I.A. Filed : July 23, 2003
For : LIQUID BAG, MOUTH MEMBER FOR THE LIQUID BAG, AND
PRODUCTION MTEHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/09303, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on January 18, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-190997, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 2-4671, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,012,472;

Japanese Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. SHO 62-24833;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 766 955; and

International Patent Publication No. WO 98/48765.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Except for U.S. Patents, Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

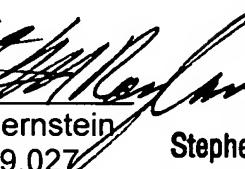
Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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